Road Construction Updates

May 21-June 5: Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks



Plan to give yourself plenty of time to enjoy a great visit to our parks. (Updated 5/21/11)

Generals Highway: Between Park Entrance at Highway 198 & Giant Forest

Schedule

Subject to change; weather-permitting

Mondays through Thursdays -

- Daytime Traffic: From 5-7 a.m. follow traffic signals. Expect up to 20-minute delays. Traffic may pass through the construction area only at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m., and 8 p.m.
- Evening Traffic (Monday-Thursday only): From 8-9 p.m., follow the direction of construction staff with safety flags and pilot vehicles. Expect up to 20-minute delays.
- Late-Night Traffic: Night work is scheduled from 9 p.m. through 5 a.m., Mondays through Fridays. There is only one opportunity to drive through the construction area at 11:30 p.m. each night.

<u>Friday, May 27 - No traffic allowed through construction zone from 12 midnight-5 a.m.</u> From 5-7 a.m., follow traffic signals and expect up to 20-minute delays. Traffic allowed to pass through construction area at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 noon. After 12 noon, follow traffic signals; expect up to 20-minute delays.

<u>Friday, June 3</u> - No traffic allowed through construction zone from 12 midnight-5 a.m. From 5-7 a.m., follow traffic signals and expect up to 20-minute delays. Traffic allowed to pass through construction area at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., and 5 p.m. After 5 p.m., follow traffic signals; expect up to 20-minute delays.

<u>Weekends</u> - <u>F</u>ollow traffic lights/signs and direction of construction staff. Expect up to 20- minute delays between green lights.

Additional Information

The construction zone is a $1\frac{1}{2}$ -mile section of the Generals Highway in Sequoia National Park between the park entrance on Highway 198 and Giant Forest. The construction zone is located between two local landmarks –Amphitheater Point and Deer Ridge.)

- Traffic may be restricted to a steep, narrow, and winding single lane.
- Drivers must follow a pilot/lead vehicle when work is in progress.
- Uphill-bound vehicles will be allowed through the construction area first at the designated times listed in the schedule above.
- Schedules are subject to change due to weather conditions and other factors.
- The portion of the Generals Highway from Hospital Rock to the Giant Forest Museum is currently closed to vehicles greater than 22 feet in length. This restriction is expected to be in effect until May 2012.

Other Minimal Road Delays

Follow signage and the direction of construction staff on-site. Minimal delays (15 minutes or less) expected in the next two weeks include:

- May 23 (potential work) Sequoia National Park, between Giant Forest Museum and Pinewood Picnic Area for water project work
- Various dates Prep work for road seal anticipated in Sequoia National Park from Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
 - o Through May 20-24 Between the park entrance station and Amphitheater Point, including turnouts.
 - o May 20-26 Mineral King
- Various dates Prep work for road seal treatment in Kings Canyon National Park Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.:
 - May 25-June 1 Cedar Grove area, from Road's End to west park boundary, including turnouts - Rolling short-term delays with pilot car leading traffic in one open lane. Delays intermittent.
 - o May 25-June 1 Cedar Grove residence road Flaggers will control traffic.
 - o June 2 Cedar Grove residence housing area Access may be limited with no parking on roadway turnouts or driveways. Park of f pavement, in garage or outside of area.
 - June 2 and 3 Cedar Grove Village parking Limited access with rotating closures. Portions of parking open at all times.
 - o June 6 –Cedar Maintenance Shop parking